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REMARKS

Each objection and rejection is addressed below under the original subject and numeric heading set forth in the Office Action.

Specification

The specification was objected to for a typographical error in a paragraph on page 23 and in a section on page 31, which have been amended along the lines suggested in the Office Action.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 7, 11, 16-17, 20, 25, 26 and 27 were objected to. The intervening dependent claims were also objected to, since they depend from the aforementioned objected to claims. In order to overcome the objections, said claims have been amended along the lines suggested in the Office Action, which are subject to the following additional comments:

1. The phrase combinatorial selection criteria "**comprises**" in the independent claims 1, 11, 20 and 27, was amended to recite combinatorial selection criteria "**comprise**", since the term "criteria" is plural.

2. The Office action on page 3, item 10 that in claim 26 "claim 11" should read as "claims 11". Since claim 26 is a multiple dependent claim that depends either from claim 11 or claim 13, it is not understood why claim 26 was objected to. Reconsideration of said objection is respectfully requested.

3. Means (a) in claim 27 was amended to provide further clarification by reciting "target color space values of a target portion on an undamaged portion of a target substrate comprising an auto body, plastic substrate, or a marine substrate." Support can be found in claim 1.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112, second paragraph

Claims 1, 2-30 were rejected as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention since it was unclear the preliminary colorant combination is being compared with the use of the term "fewer". At outset, applicants assume that since claim 2 was canceled, claims 1, and 3-30 had been rejected. To overcome the rejection, the independent claims 1, 11,

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20 and 27 were amended to recite "preferring ~~preliminary~~ colorant combinations with a fewer number of pigments than a greater number of pigments". Support can be found on page 23, lines 21-25 of the specification.

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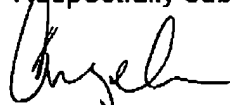
Conclusion

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The Office Action noted that claims 1, 2-15, 18-30 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections and rejection set forth in the final Office Action. Applicants take this opportunity to sincerely thank Examiner Stock for the allowability of the pending claims and for pointing out the typographical error and other very helpful corrections to the pending claims. Applicants have canceled claims 16 and 17 and respectfully submit that the claim amendments and the distinguishing observations have overcome the rejections maintained in the final Office Action and places the claims, as amended, in a condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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